

Noviciæ Indicæ XXII. *An undescribed Araliaceous Genus from Upper Burma.*—By D. PRAIN.

WITH PLATE I.

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Among the plants obtained by a native collector of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta, while working in the Kachin Hills under the kind supervision of Lieutenant Cruddas, S.C., Commandant of the Military Police Battalion at Myitkyina, one of the most striking is a hitherto uncharacterised Araliaceous plant which cannot be referred to any known genus of the order. The necessary generic definition, and a detailed description of the species on which the new genus is based, are herewith submitted to the Asiatic Society.

WOODBURNIA PRAIN.

*Calycis margo longissime 7-10-dentatus. Petala 5, valvata. Stamina 5, antheræ oblongæ. Discus crassior. Ovarium 8-13-loculare; styli in columnam cylindricam coalti; stigmatibus ad apicem sursum spectantibus. Fructus (immaturus) ovoideus.—Arbuscula aculeata. Folia digitato-palmata. Umbellæ axillares simplices solitariæ pendulæ pro ordine prægrandes. Bracteolæ magnæ lanceolatæ. Pedicelli cum flore continui.*

Species singula montium Kachin nucupatorum incola, speciei nulli generum adhuc notorum arcte affinis ideoque pro specie generis cuiusdam novi typica habenda.

WOODBURNIA PENDULIFLORA Prain. Arbuscula 4-5-metralis, caudice simplici aculeato. Folia circa 20 ad caudicis verticem aggregata, digitato-palmata; petiolis crassis 60 cm. longis, laminis ambitu fere circularibus 75 cm. latis; petiolulis 15 cm. longis, alis interpetiolularibus coriaceis margine integerrimis, supra intense viridibus glabris, subtus pallidioribus nervis parce pubescentibus ceterum fere glabris, prorsus arcte connatis; segmentis alarum singulis 8 cm. latis subhorizontaliter 10-12-nervis; lobis vel foliolis oblongis, apice acutis 20 cm. longis 14 cm. latis, margine basi late cuneata vel subtruncata integra excepta argute irregulariterque serrato, coriaceis, supra induimento stellato mox deciduo sparse obsitis, subtus praesertim secus nervos tomento simplici indutis, nervis subbasalibus 5, mediano tamen

